

See your girls explore nature while exploring themselves! Have them do something they have never done before and do it in the out-of-doors!

*Interest Projects
for Cadettes and
Seniors*



Our wildlife refuge is the perfect place to work on your troop's interest projects. Biodiversity makes our refuge a unique and exciting area to consider. We have resources for oodles of activities to peak your girls' interests in nature or add to something they have already grown to enjoy. Contact the refuge with any project ideas you already have or let us help your troop decide!

Need a few ideas?

All About Birds	Paddle, Pole, & Roll
Backpacking	Photography
Camping	Plant Life
Eco-Action	Wildlife
From Shore to Sea	

To sign-up for a program: Please call refuge headquarters at least two weeks in advance to schedule an activity. For reservations or more information, contact Art Webster:

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Girl Scout Activity Guide

*Scout out what
Forsythe has to
offer!*



"Through Girl Scouting, girls see the earth as their home. Whether they are learning about endangered wildlife, or developing creative recycling projects girls focus on care, conservation, and responsibility, and ensure the safety of our planet for future generations" (Girl Scouts of America).

Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is a place where girls can explore, learn new things, and even develop an understanding of the world around them. Whether it is their first outdoor experience or a continuation of an already discovered love, a trip to the refuge is always an exciting experience because of the variety and abundance of life to explore. Each new season brings with it a new natural encounter; be it migrating birds, wildflowers, and so much more.

No matter what ages your scouts are there is something for them to see and do here. Feel free to suggest an activity if we don't list it here in our guide. If we can make something happen for your troop we will!

*Linking Girls to
the Land*



"Linking Girls to the Land is a partnership between the Girl Scouts and federal natural resource agencies. This program lets girls discover, lead, and take action. Through cooperative and experiential learning, girls gain skills that build courage, confidence, and character, inspiring them to become environmentally responsible. Annually, over 35,000 Girl Scouts participate in *Linking Girls to the Land* activities" (LGTTL).

Daisy Girl Scouts

Start your troop's Girl Scouting career off well by helping them earning some of their *Learning Petals* here at the refuge. With so much to do here we can help them be: considerate and caring, responsible for what you say and do, to use resources wisely, and make the world a better place. We can even help your girls complete their activity cards.



Activity #15 We will take your troop for a hike to find all the different shapes in nature. They will discover what things are squares, circles, even triangles!

Activity #58 Blending in with their environment saves many things from being eaten, find out how. Learn about camouflage and how it's used as a form of protection.

Activity #63 Play a game that teaches girls about the "leave no trace" practices of camping. Have fun while learning to respect nature.

Do these activities and more!

Brownie Girl Scouts

Show your scouts that "Try-It" means just that. Jump right in. Get your hands dirty and your heart racing"(GSA). Girls can earn their next Brownie *Try-It* in the wild! There is so much for them to do here you will need to spend the day. See what *Try-Its* we can help you with by using *Try-Its for Brownie Girl Scouts*.



Animals Try-It (P. 86) #2

Come see all the wild animals we have here at the refuge. Understand what makes them different from your girls' pets and the animals in their own backyards!



Eco-Explorer Try-It (P. 102) #1, 4, 5
What is a habitat? How many are there at the refuge and where your scouts live? Go on an exciting scavenger hunt to learn all about the different species that live in these diverse habitats.



Junior Girl Scouts



Need more Try-Its? How about,

Earth & Sky (P. 94) #3, 5
Outdoor Adventurer (P. 118) #3, 5
Plants (P. 122) #4
Puppets, Dolls, & Plays (P. 72)
Travel Right (P. 80) #3
Watching Wildlife (P. 140) #1-3
Water Everywhere (P. 142) #4, 5

Help your Brownies: Experiment!
Explore! Learn! That is what *Try-Its* and Girls Scouts are all about.

"Fun is the most important part of earning a badge. Your Juniors will get a chance to learn new hobbies, practice new skills, or improve ones they already have"(GSA). Explore what badges we can help your troop with by using the *Junior Girl Scout Badgebook*.

Earth Connections (P. 94) #1-4, 6-9
"Be an ecologist" and "Get connected" with our miles of woodland trails. These trails pass through several habitats including lake, field, and forest. Understand what we do here at the refuge and why it is important.

Wildlife (P. 124) #1-3, 6-8
Come learn about local plants and animals, and even see our state bird! Find out about endangered animals, where they live, and what your troop can do to help out. See them become "animal watchers" and learn how to use binoculars too!

Need more badges? Take a look at,
Camera Shots (P. 138) #4, 8
Environmental Health (P. 72) #7
Eco-Action (P. 96) #2, 10
Finding Your Way (P. 98)
Hiker (P. 102) #7
Local Lore (P. 50) #1, 7, 9
Outdoor Fun (P. 112) #1, 7
Plants & Animals (P. 116) #5, 9
Science Discovery (P. 202) #5-6
Science in Everyday Life (P. 204) #10
Water Fun (P. 122) #8
Water Wonders (P. 214) #5
Your Outdoor Surroundings (P. 126) #5-9